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Art Unit: 1793

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MATERIAL TO BE CHARGED IN DIRECT REDUCTION PROCESS

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Charlotte, North Carolina
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 29, 2008, kindly enter the following amendment to the claims amending claims 33-35 and converting claim 37 to an independent claim.

Amendments to the Claims begin on Page 2

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